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# October 2007 to December 2007 (Volume 19)





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Although this is dated October, in reality these books are always assembled a while later and this is actually made up in Dec'07. It has been a busy year business-wise but I always seem to be treading water. More expenses, fuel, parking food costs etc etc are always increasing and it is not practical, or possible, to constantly increase prices or one becomes overpriced and not competitive. I really enjoy the catering but would really like to take things a bit slower now...I seem to be working much harder than any of my contemporaries. I think this is a first for me to admit to pressure getting me down but that is the truth.

I would like to take a break more frequently and take Lynny somewhere for a well-earned change of scenery. She is such a support and untiring in her relentless quest to 'turn' the business so that it becomes less reliant on me and therefore enabling us to take a back-seat on some occasions. I know it will happen but the speed of change certainly is frustratingly slow for both of us. The customer feedback is great and we have hundreds of testimonials on file and many repeat clients.

Family-wise there is not too much change except the split between DP and Angela. It was always a difficult relationship to maintain with travel, living environment and then the kids so the current situation with them both having a great dialogue but living apart seems a sensible, if difficult, compromise. DP sees the kids and will see them tomorrow (Christmas Day) and there seems to be a 'love' still there with Angela but the living together seems problematic. We love Angela and DP so we can not (and should not) judge where the faults lie. We have our own thoughts on this but they are irrelevant in the schemes of things. Their kids still have the love of both parents and of course both sets of grandparents. David and Mary are lovely people and we both hope that the situation will remain balanced and sensible (if draining on both parts).

Today, Xmas eve, Larnie and Mum are coming here for a Christmas meal and Larnie has just had a very good report from school. She is a very special person and we adore her. She is very 'at home' here and we love having her. Beau and Esme are growing so quickly and are lovely kids. Esme is very determined and we feel that she will not suffer a fool easily. One can see the traits and personalities at this early age. Beau is a lovely lad and is possibly the more sensitive of the two. I can see a lot of DP in his mannerisms and it is fabulous to see how they are developing.

Ben is a really great person and Tammy and him live life to the full but their obvious love for one another gives a stable and important background for their kids. Jack is growing up and at the wedding was a great help. John has also matured into a lovely lad and is very sensible and a great brother to Larnie.. Tammy is totally delightful and I am so proud to have a daughter like her. I know we had differences when she was growing up but show me any parents that have not experienced 'teenage problems' with their kids.. Very often Tammy phones to say "I love you" and for no other reason...what more can any dad want. Lynn is a person in a million and is a constant at my side. We always have words but that is a dialogue and most importantly we have FUN. I think we are actually 120 years old because we pack so much into every day. My one ambition is to make enough money so that I can give Lynn the things she deserves. She still works at a job that is nice but obviously leaves a lot to be desired on many occasions. I would like to take her first class -



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that is her one desire- to an exotic location and spoil her. She is my best friend without a doubt and considering how long we have been together that is quite an important statement. We can just chat and laugh and how many people can do that??? Mum is still managing well and comes on her own here at lease once a week and we speak daily. She is a great lady and we all love her.

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The call of the wild





at High Beach, Epping





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**Walking along the River Lee we are always surprised by the diversity of the natural surroundings and enjoy the great shots that are around every bend**







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**It's a boy thing....**



Station renovation  
at Southgate







Shame about the unsavoury types now hanging about at Southgate. The station renovation and improved lighting does not seem to deter the general level of low-lives that congregate around the station environment. the shops, previously a good balance of retail now comprise fast-foods and non-essential shops. possibly this is the trend in most high streets and Southgate perhaps is no different. Shopping habits have changed...the supermarkets have achieved their aim undercutting all local small shops and once eliminated putting their price structures in place.



The Victoria and Albert Museum has such a fantastic collection of exhibits that we spend ages wondering about and rejoice in the fact that Tammy and Larnie equally enjoy the museums and art galleries in London.



The plaster casts of ancient pillars and statues reflect a Victorian passion





Well-fed London pidgeon

In the courtyard of the Victoria and Albert,,,













The new St Pancras re-opened after an £80 million refurbishment. As it was a momentous occasion Lynn and I went to the first day of opening but (unless you were one of the invited guests) it was all still behind hoardings. The regular commuters were at a loss as where to queue and the line doubled back on itself...organised chaos and then just when it could not have got worse, a sudden downpour poured in drenching people queuing...that small snippet never made the papers however...











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In late November I went with Ivor and his son, to Mallorca for a few days walking in the hills. We flew into Palma and took an old electric train to the north of the island cutting through high mountains and arriving at our destination, Soller. Our accomoadtion was a very basic pension but the walking and company was great.



The electric train





In the hills..the weather was tee-shirt & shorts and except for one day was dry - great walking weather

















The port of Soller was the main export route of oranges from the host of orchards to France and the hills were covered with lemons and oranges.



November 2007  
Undying love





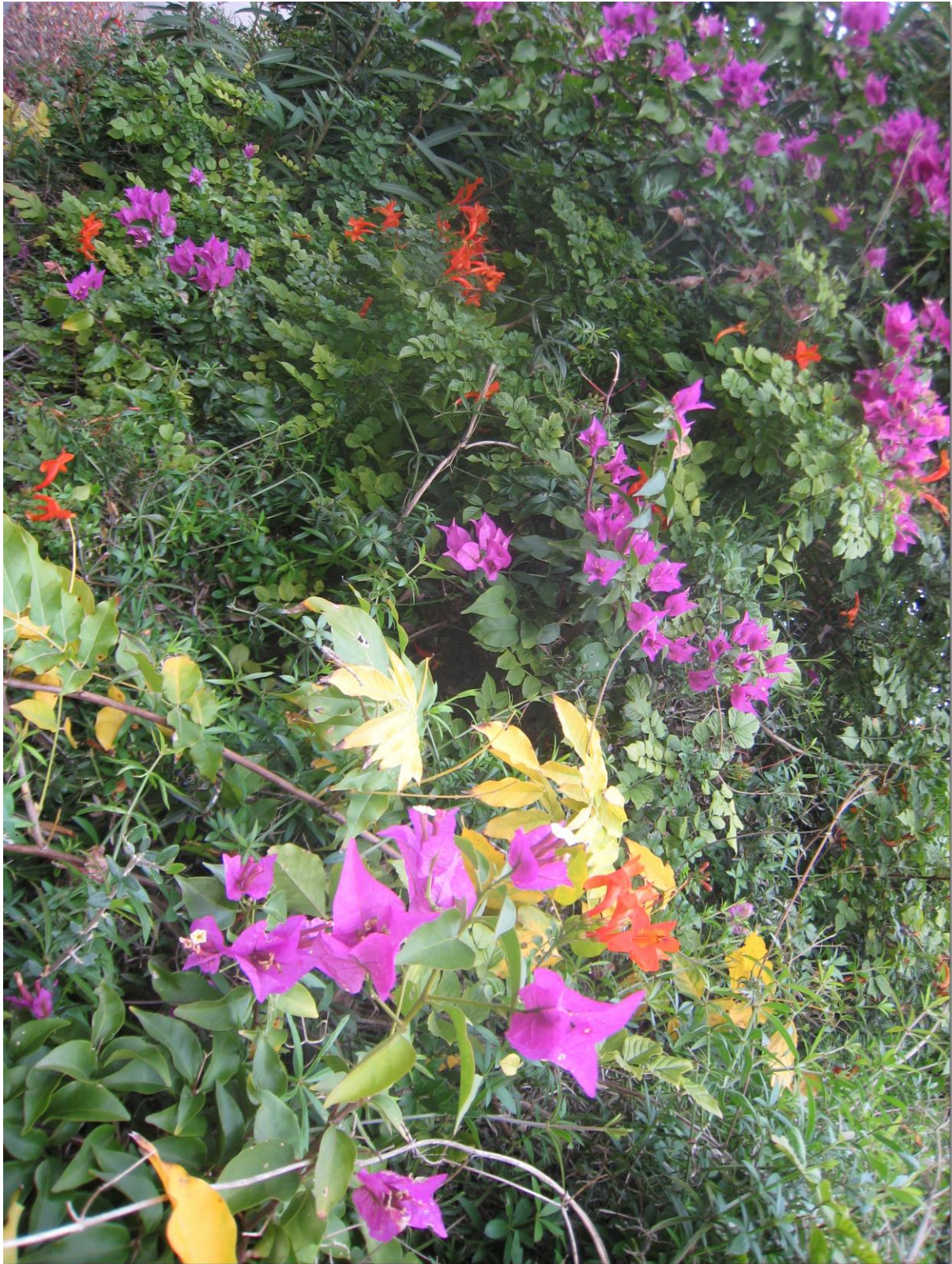
A quick tapas and then a lengthy walk over the headland around the bay and inland.







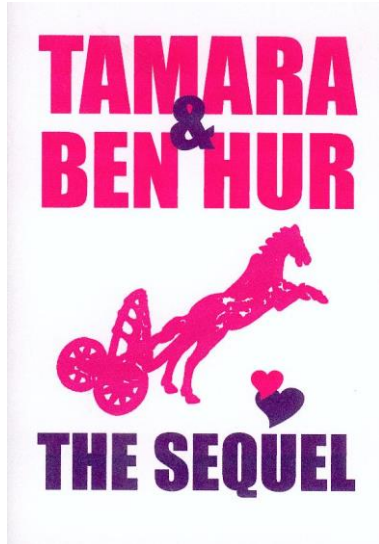
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**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> November** (I just got back in time) Tammy and Ben decided to get married in Shul



and they chose to have the party afterwards in a secret location. They laid on two coaches to take us all to the venue.











The service was brilliant with a wide variety of guests and everything explained in a simple fun way. Some of Larnie's friends did some impromptu Israeli dances



.....and Larnie sang



Lynn and I provided the canapés and individual pink champagne which was served on the coach on Southwark Bridge with everyone still trying to guess where the final destination would be.

We then continued on, stopping and disembarking on Tower Bridge and even then no-one realised they had arrived at the

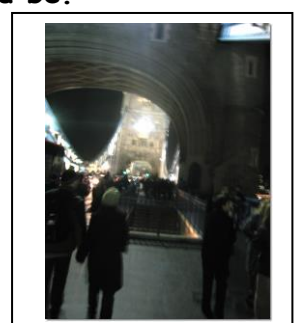






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destination - **TOWER BRIDGE**. We took the lift up and were greeted in the main span and made our way to the left span with those great views over London.

There was a really fabulous group that Tammy and Ben had seen in Covent Garden and booked on the spur of the moment.....



who provided some real fun entertainment and went down really well.



We then were invited to take our seats in the other bridge span and the tables and setting looked magical bathed in different lights.





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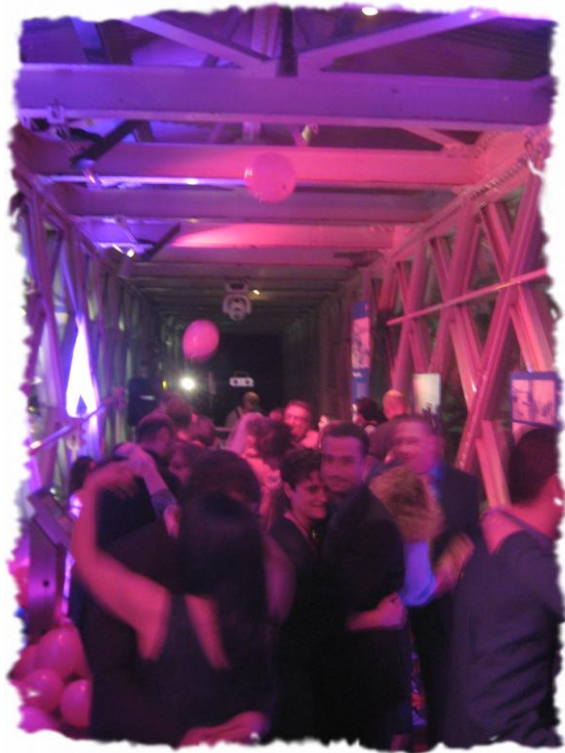
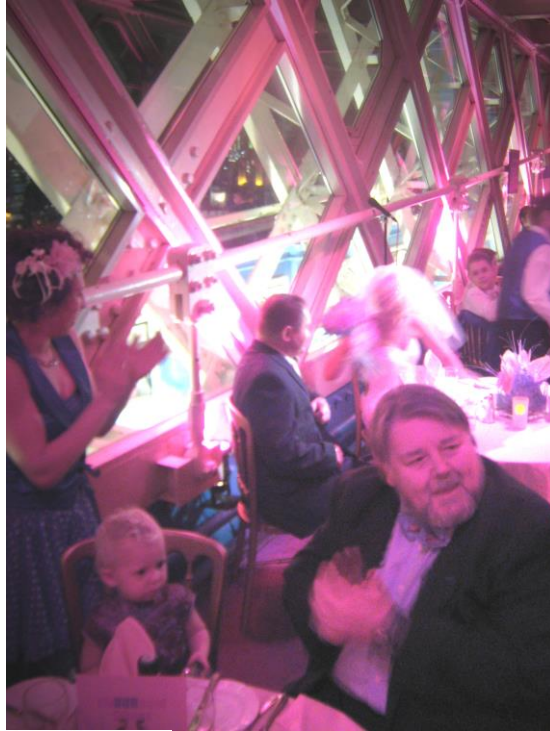
After a really great meal (served in very difficult circumstances) we went back to the original span and danced to a disco with pink balloons and everyone had a real fun evening







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a family meal in October '07





**Art outside the Tate Modern**



**A well thought-out name for this hairdresser in Turnpike Lane**





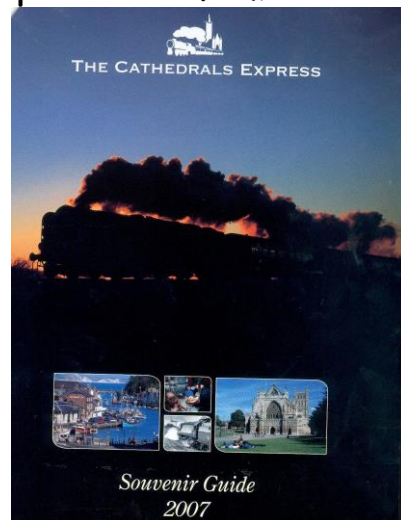
**Peachie in deep concentration with her puzzle**



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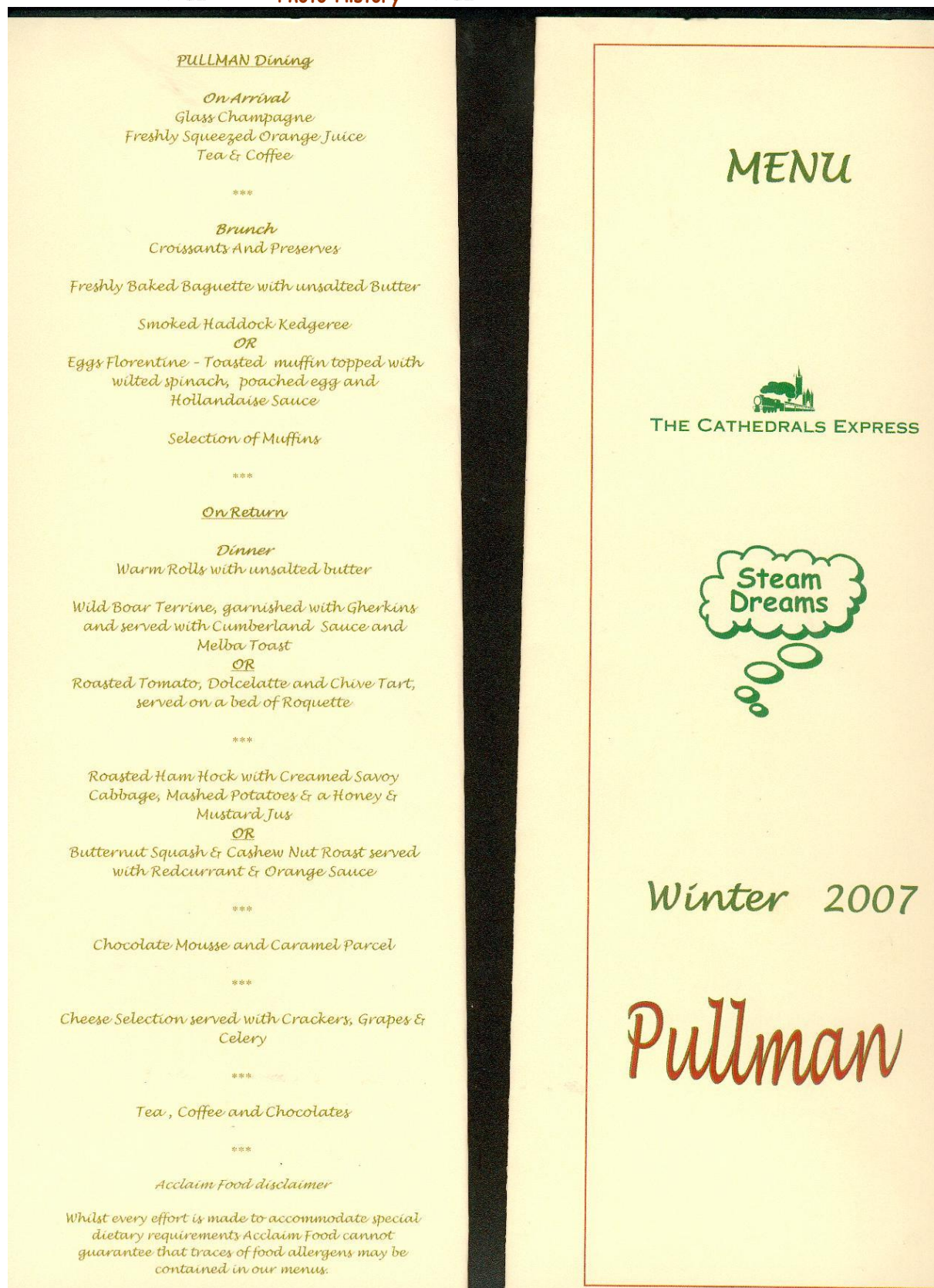
A December treat was taking the Cathedral Express - The from London to Lincoln.



A fabulous champagne breakfast on the way there.







At Lincoln we met Martin and Maxine, Kieron and Katie and we enjoyed the Lincoln Christmas Market despite the fact that we were limited with time.







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mulled wine









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